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KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING.

So what's the bad news? You may be adapting so well that you don't know what you're missing. You're unaware of lost information, lost opportunities, and the lost energy you spend just trying to keep up. You just know that social situations are more tiring than they used to be. Those embarrassing moments when you don't catch someone's name or some other important bit of information are growing more frequent.

If you're like many people with age-related hearing loss, the condition progresses as you get older. And as it progresses, you work harder to cope, maybe without even realizing it. As good as your brain may be at adapting, the

effort it takes tends to diminish the parts of your life that matter most: **sharing with friends and family, keeping ahead in your business, and spending time out in the community.**

People with advanced hearing loss describe this state as a feeling of isolation, of being trapped. They find it physically and emotionally tiring to strain to hear a conversation in a noisy setting. It's just too hard to make the effort. So they give up.

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But what happens is that people tend to put off getting help later than they should. They adapt a little more, and miss out a little more, every year. They don't realize how much they're struggling, and living increasingly isolated lives.

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There are a variety of reasons that people put off getting help. The main one is a lack of understanding of what modern hearing

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Power and Sail Squadron is fifty-years-old

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Auto garage offering clinic for females

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An inspired team



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In May, 'Scher Inspiration,' a team that has formed to honour Dr. Kim Scher, will participate in the annual Rankin Cancer Run. The team hopes the entire community will donate to their cause. Joanne Brown, Pam Mackie, Wendy Robb and Kim Stephens-Woods joined Dr. Scher and his daughter Mesh on Thursday. Go to page 12 for the full story.

What a wedding!

Couple's tropical vacation goes up in smoke

KRIS DUBÉ
The Times

Every bride wants her wedding to be the most perfect time of her life...with no problems or glitches in the process.

For Courtney McInerney, her special day will forever be remembered by how bad it all went.

She and her fiancée Brad Mott travelled to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic last weekend for their wedding, with 33 guests from Fort Erie, part of the U.S. and Niagara.

Last Sunday evening, the wedding party was wrapping up its rehearsal for the big event the following day, where the couple was to be wed in a building that was part of the five-star resort they were staying at.

At about 9:30 p.m., they started to smell smoke and saw what was about to potentially ruin their wedding and trip, that they had planned for over a year.

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Bride and groom avoid what could have been much worse

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A fire ripped through the resort, damaging the steakhouse their reception was to be held in and many other parts of the resort.

"It was like an orange ball in the sky," said Courtney, who after her wedding on Monday goes by the last name of Mott.

When she realized what was going on, her main concern was her twenty-month-old daughter Payton and all the guests that made the trip with them.

When she knew everyone was safe, her next step was making sure that everyone was able to retrieve their passports from their rooms, which could have opened up a whole new book of problems if they were lost in the fire.

This certainly is a vacation like one she has never experienced before, having to

avoid that to the aftermath.

"Right now my room is caution taped off," she said when speaking to the Fort Erie Times on Wednesday evening.

"My view is literally of the burnt down steakhouse where we were supposed to have our reception," she added.

Her initial reaction, like any other bride who would be put in this situation, was "absolute shock."

By 3:30 a.m., on the day of the wedding, guests from their party wedding party were temporarily re-located to three different nearby hotels.

"In the morning, we didn't even know if we were having the wedding," she said.

But shortly after arriving back at the resort, they found out the show would go on, but in a different facility.

"I just threw on my dress and got it done," said the bride, who is also thankful

“I just threw on my dress and got it done.”

— Courtney Mott

that those in the wedding party were still alert enough to make the ceremony a special one, what she planned all along.

"Nobody got any sleep the night before the wedding, but we got through it."

As devastating as the fire was, she is grateful that none of their

guests or anyone else staying at the resort was injured during the inferno. Coincidentally, she made T-shirts for all her guests that had "Destination Wedding Survivor" printed on them, which she says is pretty ironic, considering what happened.

"It was such a premonition," Courtney is also apprecia-

tive of how calm her guests have been, since the fire has turned their tropical paradise to one without access to a swimming pool and other amenities that are staples at these resorts.

"I feel sorry that I brought 33 people down here and they didn't get the ideal vacation they were hoping to have," said Courtney.

The group still had four

days to enjoy themselves after the wedding, before their departure this Friday... so they will surely be getting the most out of it while they can.

"We have a few days left, so we're going to try and enjoy it as much as we can and try to look past all the burnt buildings."

They were staying at the Majestic Colonial Resort.



Courtney and Bradt Mott stand in front of the building their wedding reception was to be held in, at a resort in the Dominican Republic. A fire destroyed it the night before their big day.

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Young boy expected to make full recovery after accident



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Niagara Regional Police at the scene of where a ten-year-old boy was struck by a car on Monday, on Ridgeway Road.

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

A young boy from Ridgeway is recovering, after being airlifted to hospital.

On Monday, approximately 8:45 a.m. the Niagara Regional Police Service, Fort Erie Fire Department and the Niagara Emergency Medical Services responded to reports of a pedestrian being struck on Ridgeway Road north of Rebstock Road in Ridgeway.

Investigators have determined that a 10 year old male pedestrian from Crystal Beach, crossed Ridgeway Road in front of a south-bound Toyota Corolla driven by a 35-year-old St. Catharines male. The 10-year-old was transported to the Greater Niagara General Hospital with life threatening injuries. He was later airlifted to the McMaster Children's Hospital where he remains in serious but stable condition.

The driver of the Toyota

Corolla was uninjured in the collision.

This collision remains under investigation by members of the Collision Reconstruction Unit.

The victim of the accident is Jack Antaya, from Crystal Beach.

In an interview with the Fort Erie Times, Jack's father Marcus provided an update on his son's condition.

He has four fractures in his pelvis that have been stabilized, along with a hole in his bladder.

Doctors have told he and his wife Lori that surgery does not appear to be necessary at this point in time.

"The plan is to let him heal naturally," said Antaya.

"There are no surgeries planned, unless there are complications," he added.

On Tuesday, the courageous young man took a few steps and has been alert, socializing with physicians and visitors.

"His resilience is stunning a lot of people."

The Antaya family also wants to use the media attention this incident has been getting to thank the Niagara Regional Police, the Fort Erie Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services for their handling of the situation.

"Everyone involved was quick, responsible and amazing," said Marcus.

He also expects this will serve as a lesson to his own son and other children that when parents tell them to "look both ways" before crossing the street, it should be received as a very important piece of advice.

"There's nothing that could have prevented this, other than him not walking in the street. Kids think they are bulletproof and they're not."

Marcus expects Jack will be back home in Crystal Beach within less than a week.

Any witnesses are requested to contact police at 905-688-4111 Ext: 5592.

Many questions remain unanswered, says Craitor

Possible election would put process at a 'standstill'

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

A lot of work needs to be done, if the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC) is successful in its bid to take over the Fort Erie Racetrack and the Slots, says Niagara Falls member of provincial parliament Kim Craitor.

A proposal is in the process of being completed for submission, which will follow Craitor meeting with premier Dalton McGuinty recently, when he also submitted a letter prepared by FELRC chief executive officer Jim Thibert.

A lot needs to be worked out, says Craitor... especially since the Fort Erie Racetrack has operated as a non-profit organization since 2010 and will until the end of the upcoming 2012 season.

"It's a little more complex than any other tracks," said Craitor.



Kim Craitor

Issues that need to be determined is the reception of the idea from the track's owner, Nordic Gaming, who has leased the facility to the FELRC since 2010 when the provincial government agreed to pitch in over \$15 million during the course of three years for the 115-year-old track.

He feels the response will be in favour of the proposal, but said there are no details at the moment.

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Power and Sail Squadron celebrating 50-year milestone

➤ Boating and sailing non-profit group focuses on safety

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

It's been smooth sailing for a local non-profit organization within the last 50 years.

The Fort Erie Power and Sail Squadron is getting ready to celebrate a half-century of existence within the local watercraft-loving community on May 5, with a buffet dinner and anniversary event that anyone is invited to.

One of ten squadrons within the Niagara district, the local chapter has provided expertise to boaters and sailors and promoted the importance of education and safety while out on the water.

Entry level boating courses and classes that result in members potentially receiving a number

of qualifications, such as a pleasure operator certificate are all made available by the squadron.

This is a ticket required by Transport Canada for anyone who owns a water vessel and the local group is authorized to award them to those who are enrolled in their courses.

The amount of people taking classes to receive one of 12 certificates available through the squadron has decreased, considering the amount of technological tools that are on the market.

"There are very few people now that bother going that far because electronic navigation systems have come on pretty strong," said Dan Duggan, the squadron's incoming commander.

Current commander Stephen Alexander explained that chart plotters are also becoming more of a tool from the past, as electronic navigation systems have been helping boaters and sail-

ors effectively as new advancements are made.

"They don't rely on chart plotters as much anymore, they've almost become obsolete," he said.

But first and foremost, the squadron's mission is to help boat owners understand how caution and regard for the potential dangers that exist out on the lake or river.

"Our main mandate is safety," added Duggan.

Jeff Eggleton is the longest standing current member of the Fort Erie Power and Sail Squadron, joining in 1963.

When he started with the group, there were only about 20 members but today its membership exceeds 140.

"For a small squadron, we've been quite successful," said Eggleton.

There are about 30,000 members of power and sail

“
It's a reflection on our history and we want to let the community know we're here.”

— Steven Cheu

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Another fact of life that has impacted the squadron is the growing access pleasure craft operator certification, as they are also available at other outlets besides through their own group.

"That cuts down on our courses and our members," said Duggan.

Steven Cheu is the immediate past commander and hopes Greater Fort Erie will embrace the event being held in May.

"It's a reflection of our history and we want to let the community know we're here," said Cheu.

In 1962, the Fort Erie Power and Sail Squadron was founded by 17 members of the community and still remains afloat today.

To order tickets for \$25 to the group's 50-year anniversary celebration on May 5, you can call Steven Alexander at (905) 295-7651.

"It's open to anybody," said Alexander.



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Fort Erie Power and Sail Squadron past commander Steven Cheu, left, current commander Stephen Alexander, incoming commander Dan Duggan and long-time member Jeff Eggleton

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Hospital Auxiliary continues to serve community

The Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was founded back in 1931 and remains strong today.

On Monday, the volunteer group honoured a handful of members for their 40 years of service.

The Auxiliary also welcomed its new executive on Monday.

For 75 years, the group of dedicated community members has been responsible

for many fundraising initiatives that assist with the purchasing of equipment for the health care site.

The tuck shop is a snack bar and gift shop at Douglas Memorial, operated by the Auxiliary.

They are also responsible for the Tree of Lights Campaign, taking place during the Christmas season... along with many other efforts.



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The Douglas Memorial Auxiliary's newest executive includes Barb Boyer, Margaret Keller, Betty Keller, Frances Blair, Frances Wright, Terrie Hall, Sandra Byer and Nancy Hesse.



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Being recognized for 40 years of service with the Auxiliary were Sandi Riddell, accepting for Doreen Robertson, Lola Mann, June Campbell, Tessie Smith, Denise D'Entremont and Bernice Suggett. Absent from this photo are Liz Davies and Marg Chevalier. Doris Smith, June Morningstar and Dora Somerville are deceased members that were also thanked.

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our editorial

There is light at the end of the tunnel, hopefully

Dalton McGuinty is the only person who deserves to have fingers pointed at him.

In recent weeks, some people have said Kim Craiton needs to be chastised for not being able to save the Fort Erie Racetrack Slots.

It's beyond hid control.

Since he was elected three terms ago, the member of provincial parliament has done what he can for Fort Erie and has played a large role in finding a way to save the Fort Erie Racetrack, while addressing other issues in Greater Fort Erie as well.

In the legislature this week, Craiton was applauded by members of opposition parties for presenting a petition with thousands of names on it, saying how detrimental closing the Fort Erie Racetrack would be.

Members of council don't deserve

to be criticized over the recent closure either.

When bad things happen, people are always ready to blame the first person that comes to mind or someone they have been used to climbing all over.

Right now isn't the time to alienate ourselves from elected officials, it's a time to work with them and listen to what they have to say, even if you don't like decisions made in the past.

Let's hope there is light at the end of this very dark and long tunnel.

-Kris Dubé

In defence of wetlands

Dear Editor,

The loss of the Fort Erie slot facilities is a very unfortunate and upsetting event. But, grouping this recent decision by the Ontario Government with the designation of wetlands as was evidenced on a sign in front of Town Hall several weeks ago is a definite mistake. The

designation of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs) is not an arbitrary decision that the government has made in the same way as the decision to close the slots facility.

Wetlands are important ecological areas that are not only essential for wildlife, but also for us—human beings. The fact that the wetlands have

been designated as "Provincially Significant" means that they provide essential ecological benefits to sustain life.

Yes, it is frustrating that many of the wetlands are in areas close to the major traffic routes which are ideal for industrial growth.

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Do You Remember?

How do you pick the photos?

Can I put a photo in? You already know the names don't you?

These are some of the questions we get here at the museum.

As no one identified the man modeling the leisure suit in last week's photo, this is a good opportunity to tell you a little more about this popular feature.

The Fort Erie Times gave the Museum over 10,000 unidentified photos from its archives. These photos have minimal historical value without the names of the people, places, events and dates that surround them. In order to gather this information, we have made these photos available

to the community at special events and at the museum.

To further this, we put a different photo in the newspaper in the hopes that someone will recognize the people and call or e-mail us. This is what you read every week. When most of the people in the photo have been identified, we then catalogue it into our collection.

If no one contacts us, the photo does go back into the 'unidentified people' binders for a later date.

So, we do depend on the community to tell us who these people are.

We don't already know the people, but if there are names written on the back of the photo,

we include them in the newspaper description in hopes that family and friends will contact us.

With so many photos still needing names to faces, you can see why we cannot publish photos brought in by the public who are hoping to have them identified as well.

So please keep reading and contact us if you recognize someone.

It means their life and story will not be forgotten.

Does anyone know the children in this week's photo and why the dogs are in the library?

Please call the Museum at 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

opinion page

'We need to think about this issue rationally'

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But unfortunately these lands cannot be destroyed and built upon without devastating effects.

We need to think about this issue rationally. Fort Erie is a waterfront community, surrounded by water on two sides - Lake Erie and the Niagara River. It only stands to reason that we would have significant wetland areas in our community that are essential to the sustenance of life. These lands cannot be built upon without serious and perhaps deadly consequences to our community.

Wetlands have many essential functions, one of them being the control of flooding by providing an area to absorb extra water. Many communities around the world are suffering consequences because they have drained and built on their wetlands. When water levels rise, millions of dollars worth of infrastructure is washed away and destroyed because floodwaters have nowhere else to go. On top of this lives are lost. Do we really want to jeopardize the waterfront community and the safety of our residents, especially when we know that global warming is occurring and water levels around the globe are on the rise?

Controlling flooding is only one of the many benefits we reap from wetlands. They also filter the water we drink, removing harmful elements. As we know, raw sewage is routinely deposited into our lakes when conditions make this necessary. Destroying the water purifying wetlands will only make a mix of disease from contaminated water even higher.

Is this another risk that we must be taking?

The fresh water of the Great Lakes is not only important to the surrounding communities such as ours, but they are also globally significant. Water is essential to all life and fresh drinking water is becoming more important as worldwide populations grow. Are we really wise to risk damaging such a vital global resource, one that we cannot live without?

In addition to the benefits wetlands provide to humans, we must also respect the importance they have to wildlife. These are often the richest areas of biodiversity and contain many species which may be eradicated if the wetlands are destroyed. We have an obligation to respect fellow life forms. Our destructive and selfish nature is no longer sustainable. We must live in harmony with other creatures who share this planet no matter how small and insignificant they may seem to some.

Recently, the Town of Fort Erie took part in a co-operative arrangement between its drainage department, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and several other partners including the Friends of Fort Erie Creeks and private land owners.

The purpose of the project was to see if drainage work could be done in Beaver Creek without harming the Grass Pickerel, a species of fish that lives in Beaver Creek and is currently at risk. The project was successful in allowing the necessary drainage work to be done while at the same time protecting the Pickerel. Co-operative projects such as these provide a win-win situation

and must become the norm.

In the case of Fort Erie's wetlands, we must look at alternative areas for industrial and economic growth rather than destroying these rich ecosystems. There are several brown field areas that housed former factories sitting empty and desolate. These locations would be ideal for growth and have the added benefit of being cleaned of harmful toxins in the process.

The lands which house the former Welcome Center and the many acres adjoined to it would also be ideal, as they sit directly beside the Queen Elizabeth Highway and are a stone's throw from the U.S. border. And, if the racetrack does eventually close, why not use these lands and promote them as Fort Erie's industrial zone? The location is ideal and the lands have already been cleared and serviced. Does it not make more sense to re-use defunct areas, rather than to destroy lush habitats of PSWs while leaving the other areas sitting empty?

In our eagerness to stimulate the economy we often forget that we humans cannot exist without a healthy environment.

These are difficult times for everyone. My family has not been immune. But, times will be much more difficult for our children and grandchildren if we do not make some wise choices now. Provincially Significant Wetlands need to remain protected and untouched.

Brigitte Bonner
Ridgeway

The TIMES Asks

Why is Earth Day important to you?



Elmer Miskolci

"It educates the public about how bad it is to pollute our grounds and waterways."



Tori Workentin

"It helps us be more aware of our surroundings and what's changing."



Boilee Miloni

"It's important to know what the environment does and how it affects so many aspects of life."



Mary Kortan

"It makes us want to find solutions to environmental problems."

What do you think?

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Sundays are for spirituality

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the letter Mr. Scott Burnside submitted on March 24, 2012. This letter truly saddened me. It goes to show why this world is so full of trouble. Can we practice our religious and spiritual beliefs seven days a week?

Well yes, of course and I for one do live as I feel I should more than just on Sundays. I also know as long as I can remember Sunday mornings are especially for families who work, go to school, etc. It is the

day when Christians go to church. It's most importantly the day to bring our children to Sunday School.

Do I feel as if it's a bad thing for us to play football on some Sunday mornings? No, but not ALL of our games. I am a Sunday School teacher & my son can no longer play football this season due to this 8 games in a row at 11:00 am schedule. I had to choose between teaching children Sunday School, pulling my child out of football, (which we were both looking forward to), or having to miss every game my son played as a responsible teacher.

What ever happened to Sunday afternoons?

Now, some may say that it's very simple, just find a replacement teacher. I'm sure there are many suggestions to this conflict. For me there is only one proper solution. It's to withdraw my child from football this season and he will be playing soccer instead.

Charity Lee
Fort Erie

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Monday through Friday

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TENDER FOR 2012 SIDEWALK REPAIR

CONTRACT NO. IS.12SIDE

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett,
Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on:

TUESDAY, MAY 8th , 2012

Submissions for this project received prior to the stated closing date and time will be
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The work consists of the removal and disposal of concrete sidewalk as well as the supply
and placement of approximately 2200 sq. metres of sidewalk throughout the Town of
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Effective February 1, 2011, all Town issued formal competitive bid opportunities will
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If a hard copy is required, tender documents may be picked up at the Town Hall,
Engineering Division, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6, commencing
Monday, April 23rd, 2012 on payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents
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As of Monday, April 23rd, 2012, Tender Documents may be viewed at the Town of
Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division and at the Niagara
Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any
tender will not necessarily be accepted.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Local man facing charges

On Sunday, at approximately 9:40 a.m. police conducted a traffic stop on Kalar Road in the City of Niagara Falls. After a short conversation with the driver, the vehicle sped away from the scene and refused to stop for police.

Uniform officers pursued the vehicle through city streets for approximately eight minutes before the pursuit was terminated for safety reasons. Police continued to receive information from the public regarding the vehicle's location and again encountered the vehicle when it exited the roadway at the VIA Rail

Station in Niagara Falls.

The suspect vehicle crashed on the railway tracks and became disabled. The lone male occupant was seen running from the area.

After a brief search the suspect was located on Buttery Street and taken into custody without incident.

The driver of the vehicle, Stephen Gallinger (37 years), of Fort Erie has been charged with obstruct police, flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and driving while disqualified.

He was held in custody pending a bail hearing in St. Catharines.

Cyclist injured on Gilmore Road

➤ Minor injuries the result of accident

Last Friday, at approximately 1:45 p.m., members of Niagara Regional Police Service in Fort Erie and Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel attended the area of Gilmore Road and Central Avenue for a report of an collision involving a cyclist and a motor vehicle.

The motor vehicle was stopped waiting to exit the parking lot of the Avondale located at 145 Gilmore Road with the intention of entering onto Central Avenue. As the motor vehicle was waiting, a cyclist, travelling north bound struck the motor vehicle.

The cyclist received minor injuries as a result of the accident and was tended to by EMS personnel. Shortly thereafter the cyclist was transported to the Greater Niagara General Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and later released.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Choreographer Allen Kaeja, rehearses with Mika Kaeja for a three minute dance video that was shot last Thursday at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. He is wearing a green suit to capture his movement on screen and later an image of a woman made of sticky notes will be transposed over his body.

Hollywood atmosphere comes to Ridgeway

➤ Story about girl who enters into a virtual world shot locally

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts was the site for a full-scale movie production for a day.

Last Thursday, a film crew set up cameras, lights and a green screen with much of the same technology used by movie crews in Hollywood to make films like *Lord of the Rings* and *Avatar*.

The crew filmed a three-minute dance video for Bravo directed by Colin Chivers, says producer Tobias Wiegand.

The title of the film is *Oxygen* and it is a mini story about a sick girl in the hospi-

tal who goes on a journey through a virtual world.

"The story is meant to represent the unconscious dream-like state," says Wiegand.

Live Action Fourgrounds Media, a video production company and Morro Images, a company formed by Wiegand which produces visual effects and 3D computer animation, are two young companies from St. Catharines that helped to capture the entire video in one day.

With the help of Wiegand's company, the film's choreographer Allen Kaeja wore a green suit during filming to capture his choreography on screen.

During the editing process, Kaeja's image will be transformed into a woman made of sticky notes through the magic of motion capture imaging.

Wiegand says Kaeja is an internationally known choreographer and he is honoured to be a part of a production that is filled with talent.

The producer, who lives in Crystal Beach, says he is trying to bring more creativity for film in the Niagara region.

When he learned about the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, Wiegand says it was timing.

"We came across the Sanctuary by accident. We couldn't find any other location that could support this project."

The producer says "people don't just come knocking on doors" hoping to find creative people and he hopes his young company will encourage more artists, actors and directors will invite more opportunities to the area for individuals aspiring to enter into the film business.

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Craitor confident FELRC is up to the task

From Page 3

"I haven't seen anything official yet," said Craitor, adding that it is also unknown how much money the track's owner would require to get involved in another lease agreement.

If the consortium, in partnership with the Town of Fort Erie is given the green light to operate the slots facility, there are many other unanswered questions.

Would some or any of the slot machines currently at the site remain there?

Or would the municipality have to pay to bring in new equipment? These are questions that are being asked.

"I don't know if we'd have to provide anything, or if money would have to be provided up front," said Craitor.

Craitor says he is fully confident that that FELRC could handle the project at hand.

"They've done a really good job with the track," he said.

"But there's a lot more work to do," he added.

Also, if demands made by Liberal opposition are not met when the provincial budget is deliberated again on Tuesday, it might mean another election is on its way...which would have an impact on how quickly a decision is given on the FELRC's proposal.

"If we have another election, everything will go into a stand-still," said Craitor.

Thanking 'Ms. Helen'



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Sixty-years ago, Helen Peacock formed the Peacock School of Dance, which is still a popular venue for local students to learn the craft. On May 25, 26 and 27, the school will host a recital at Fort Erie Golf Club and are hoping several alumni will be able to attend the event to show appreciation for 'Ms. Helen' and everything she has done in the community. Former students can visit www.peacock-schoolofdance.ca to register for the event.

Doubling up



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Identical twins Alana and Brianna Bell are two of the many people who patronized establishments in Crystal Beach last Friday, when business owners encouraged people to ride their bikes to the beach. The evening was called the first annual Crystal Beach Bicycle Night.

Have you HEARD?
by Helen Miller, M.C.I.Sc.
Reported by GRS/PO
Audio: [icon]

DO YOU FEEL EXPOSED?

If you live in an urban environment, you are probably exposed to loud noises that can lead to hearing loss. The question then becomes: Which noise poses the greatest single threat to hearing? According to a survey of inner-city residents that was conducted on the basis of personal questionnaires (not direct sound measurement), the biggest culprit is neither traffic noise nor construction sounds. Instead, researchers found that nearly two-thirds of those questioned heard the biggest risk of noise-induced hearing loss from the music they listened to, specifically, listening to MP3 players and going to concerts. Once again, this survey underscores the recommendation to listen to music at lower volume levels. Otherwise, you soon may not be hearing much at all.

One of the most common myths about hearing loss is that only "old people" suffer from it. But in fact, the majority of people with hearing loss are younger than 65 and six million people in the U.S. between 18 and 44 suffer from hearing loss. There are several causes of hearing loss with exposure to noise ranking high among the reasons. If you or a loved one suffers from hearing loss, please call **HEARING BALANCE & HEARING CLINICS** at 905-471-4242. Our office is located at 480 Lakeshore Rd., Unit 12. We are open M-F, 9am-5pm. Most major insurance accepted. Please visit our website at www.hearingbalance.ca

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'Scher Inspiration' wants community to donate

➤ Team from Douglas Memorial site wants to raise big money for Rankin Cancer Run

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times



I don't know if I deserve it but this is wonderful that it's happening."

— Dr. Kim Scher

Dr. Kim Scher is an inspiration to the community, says his colleagues at the Niagara Health System's Douglas Memorial site.

For the second year in a row, staff at the medical facility are paying tribute to the local physician with a team that will be entered into the Rankin Cancer Run, an event that raises money for cancer care across the NHS.

Last year, 'Scher Inspiration' raised \$8,000 for the cause and this year the team is hoping to expand on that number considerably, opening up fundraising opportunities to the community-at-large.

Executive administrative assistant Pam Mackie and others at the site, are always amazed about Scher's work ethic and approach he takes to caring for patients with cancer, staying at the Douglas Memorial palliative care unit.

"He's an inspiration to all of us and to the 'community,'" said Mackie.

Scher will often go beyond the call of duty, visiting patients at their home or spending hours on end with patients and their families when going through such a tough stage and Mackie says many people are forever thankful for this.

"During the he patient-family experience in difficult times, he's instrumental in providing comfort," she added.

Joanne Brown is a charge nurse

at the Douglas Memorial site and is also a cancer survivor.

She says supporting this cause is a way to share stories about survival and how important it is to have someone like Scher on your side when dealing with cancer.

"I'd like to show people you can do well and carry on with your life. This is for everyone else," she said.

Scher, a very modest individual, said he is appreciative of the tribute he is getting for the second year but says he isn't quite sure how to react.

"I don't know if I deserve it but this is wonderful, that it's happening," said Scher.

Mackie wants community members, businesses, corporations and other stakeholders in Greater Fort Erie to come forward and donate to their cause, before they embark on the Rankin Cancer Run in St. Catharines on May 26.

"I think it could be huge," said Mackie.

"We ask that you come with us, to celebrate Dr. Scher.

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Earth Day: an international event

On Sunday, April 22, more than 500 million people will celebrate Earth Day. This important environmental event is an attempt to mobilize the planet and remind everyone that even small gestures are essential to save our environment.

Created by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970, Earth Day unites individuals, organizations, and businesses in the same environmental challenge: the reduction of our ecological footprint. For 42 years now, various cultural and educational activities have been organized around the world to raise people's awareness of environmental issues, and in particular to promote and encourage concrete actions that will reduce the ecological footprint of human beings.

An ecological footprint is the measure of human demand on land and water to supply the resources a human population

consumes as well as the absorption of the resulting waste. No one will be surprised to learn that the current demand on natural resources is not sustainable: global consumption is such that more than one planet would be necessary to satisfy our current demand!

Earth Day is the ideal occasion to do something concrete for the environmental cause. Planting a tree, using public transport, recycling, reusing, and composting are all gestures that will have a positive impact on the environment. Earth Day is the time to get moving on this issue, to act now, for ourselves and for future generations.

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BY: AMANDA GERARD
STAFF WRITER

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The Canadian Coin Association will be arriving in the great city of Fort Erie next week? If you're interested in all those coins you've kept stored away for the occasion that you would look into them! Well, that occasion has arrived. Bring your coins to The Canadian Coin Association, and have one of their numismatic professionals assess their current market value in the collectible market. FOR FREE! Canadian and American coins minted before 1968, can fetch significant prices with international collectors based on condition, collectability, and metal content. Because they represent a large database of collectors on an international level, they are able to make on the spot purchases on their behalf! This week, you could be turning that old jar of coins into a vacation!

While in Vancouver, British Columbia, CCA was able to offer \$79,000 for an 1893 Morgan Silver dollar minted in San Francisco. This specific coin is highly sought after in uncirculated condition, mainly because not many were minted in San Francisco that year. Collectors are willing to invest top dollar in order to add this gem, and other coins of its kind, to their collections. Recently, they were able to offer \$30,000 for a Canadian twenty cent piece from 1858. Why? Because the collector, from Austria, had everything but that ONE coin for his series of 17th century Canadian coins and was willing to pay top prices to complete his set. Those two stories are just the tip of the iceberg for their coin experts. A silver dollar from 1948 can fetch anywhere from \$500 to \$13,000 based on its condition. Collectors are eagerly looking for pre 1968 proof sets, coins with specific mint marks, coins from specific years and international gold coins. Don't even get them started on the 1921 Canadian fifty cent piece! Coins are their middle name. For a fee of \$0 (that's right, it's free), you can bring that coffee tin full of coins to our educated team of numismatists, and find out if you've been harbouring a very well kept secret!

Even common coins can have a significantly higher value than their currency due to their silver content. Silver dollars, fifty cent pieces, quarters, dimes, even nickels are garnering maximum value. With the silver market higher than it's been in thirty years, it's definitely the best time to turn old coins into a healthy pay day! Because they have the time and space to do so, they have included bullion assessment in their services. The Canadian Coin Association is able to make

offers for your scrap silver. Old tea sets, stamp collections from the Franklin Mint, and silver bars, are all examples of items that could be purchased on the spot! It's a bullion boom, and everybody's winning!

CCA's International collectors are also seeking gold coins from around the world. Maple Leafs, British Sovereigns, Kruggerands, Double Eagle gold coins and Gold Francs, are all examples of gold coins they are looking for on behalf of our collectors.

Because of their success within the numismatic community, they are also able to offer maximum value on all other gold as well. With the gold market at over \$1500, all of your broken gold, scrap gold, jewelry, even dental gold, can be turned into quite the fat full of dollars.

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Empowering women to take away the fear

Women's Car Clinic next Saturday

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

According to Geri Seebach, there are statistics that have said almost 70 per cent of the automotive consumer are women.

That's why on April 28, the service advisor at Bertie Tire Centre in Stevensville will be offering a Women's Car Clinic for anyone who wants to learn more about how they actually get to the many destinations they have in their daily routine.

She has been involved with repairing and servicing vehicles for 25 years and knows that for many women, how a vehicle operates is something that they know very little about.

Next Saturday at 1:30 p.m., Seebach is inviting local women to visit the Stevensville auto garage for a

hands-on experience that will hopefully result in participants driving away with more knowledge than they had when arriving.

One of the lessons will be putting a car on a hoist, so those in attendance can learn more about what goes on underneath the floor of their vehicle.

"They can see what all that stuff looks like because for some, it's mostly a mystery," said Seebach.

Emissions testing, tire pressure... these are all topics that will be touched on.

"I want to help women be more confident when they come into a place like this," said Seebach.

How to check your oil and transmission fluid will also be a part of the demonstration.

"We're going to try and make it fun, to take the fear out of it," she added.

As times change, more women are getting behind the wheel than they did back in the old days and Seebach said this is a trend that will continue to grow.

"We're seeing a lot more women take care of that end of the household, as well."

Women aren't the only people who may be nervous when looking for service at a mechanic.

There are plenty of men who are not educated about motor vehicles and they too can be taken advantage of by mechanics who are not honest with their customers.

"They watch for that glazed look in a person's eye," she said.

In the future, Seebach hopes to open up clinics to help not just women, but to people who never had the opportunity in life to learn about the science of motor vehicles.

"This will empower people to not be taken advantage of and to not be afraid to ask questions," she said. Bertie Tire is located at 2776 Stevensville Road.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Courtney Dubuc gets a lesson on how to check the oil of a vehicle with Geri Seebach, from Bertie Tire Centre. Seebach will offer a car clinic for women next Saturday.



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Local female players take silver at provincial championship



The Niagara Rapids Atom B6 team won the silver medal for all of Ontario last weekend. Team members are Breanna Habinski, Brooklyn Clark, Avery Johnson, Cassie Scott, Chloe De Roy, Maia MacLean, Mikelle Clarkson, Justine Barnsley, Taylor Nicholls, Jaiden Skilton, Marissa McNeil, and Erika Eastland.

Each member of Niagara team gets on score sheet during tournament

The Niagara Rapids Atom B6 team advanced to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) provincial championships and stormed through the tournament, last weekend.

In round robin play, the Rapids defeated powerhouse Oshawa 1-0, tied Mississauga 3-3, and rolled over Stoney Creek 3-0.

In the quarter finals, the Rapids fought off a much bigger Sudbury team 2-1.

In the semi finals, the plucky Rapids pulled off an upset over tournament favourites Lucan, scoring with 0.4 seconds left in the

fourth overtime period to claim a 4-3 victory.

In the championship game, the Rapids battled hard, but fell just short with a 1-0 loss to a very good Ancaster team.

Every single Rapids player got in on the scoring: Breanna Habinski (7G, 4A), Brooklyn Clark (1G), Avery Johnson (1G), Cassie Scott (1G), Chloe De Roy (1G, 2A), Maia MacLean (1G, 1A), Mikelle Clarkson (1G, 3A), Justine Barnsley (1G, 1A), Taylor Nicholls, Jaiden Skilton, Marissa McNeil and Erika Eastland (all 1A).

Goalenders Abbey Weaver and Lauren Steckley were wonderful.

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and another at 7:30 p.m.

Both will take place at the People's Memorial United Church on the corner of Ridge and Dominion Roads.

Many of the clothes that will be displayed are referred to as "regency" or "empire" by historians.



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Marjorie Jolliffe, left, and Audrey Sims are two models that will be in an 1812 fashion show next weekend at the People's Memorial United Church, in Ridgeway.

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Placing Old Age Security on a Sustainable Path

Canadians are living longer and costs for the Old Age Security (OAS) are rising. On April 1, 2023 the Government of Canada plans to start raising the age of eligibility for OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from 65 to 67.*

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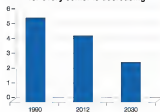
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New manager at Salvation Army already feeling welcome in Fort Erie

Former youth pastor has ideas for local non-profit organization

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

He's been left a big pair of shoes to fill but the Fort Erie Salvation Army's new community and family services manager is ready for the challenge.

Elliott Innes came to Fort Erie from Yarmouth, NS, where he served as the youth pastor for the Salvation Army.

He began his new position at the beginning of April. Innes brought along his wife Dena, and their three children along with another on the way.

After graduating from Kingswood University in 2003, Innes has worked in

compassionate ministry around the world.

Innes was born in Listowel and he lived in Kitchener, Waterloo and Woodstock growing up.

He has spent time working in Russia, Albania and places in Latin America and he returned to Canada in 2008 when he began working as a youth pastor in Prince Edward Island.

With all of his experiences travelling and working in many communities that were struggling, Innes says he is able to relate to many of the residents of Fort Erie out of work, and also relates with many of the immigrants and refugees who come to Canada.

"I'm able to identify with people who feel like outsiders. I know what it's like to not understand how to pay a bill, where to buy groceries or even where to meet new people."

During his travels, Innes has learned enough of the Spanish language and he has been able to use his skill to speak to some of the refugees who don't speak English and he says it has made a difference.

"Since I've worked in Fort Erie, I have used more Spanish in the last two weeks than I have in the last two years."

For Innes, his first priority is his family and that's what helps him with every other aspect of his life.

"Family is a priority. My first ministry is to my family. If there is no success there then I will not be successful with my church and with my job."

Innes says he is taking time to observe before he makes any chang-

es to the Salvation Army — but he does have a few ideas.

The new manager says he would like to offer classes for people to learn about budgeting their finances and he would expand on the cooking classes already offered by the Salvation Army to teach people how to cook healthy meals with a limited budget.

Innes says he is looking forward to working in town because of the amazing people that live in it.

"I've seen the generosity of Fort Erie before I even arrived. I was told the food bank was in rough shape and when I started my first day it was full again."

The new manager said he would appreciate any one who is interested in volunteering for the Salvation Army as a custodian, a grounds-keeper, a receptionist, a food bank assistant or helping with many of the organizations programs.

Innes says he is thankful for the volunteer base that

already exists at the Salvation Army, but the need for volunteers is growing.

"Across Ontario since the recession hit in 2008, Innes says 25 per cent increase in the food bank's clients. That's 13,000 households that have accessed these services for the first time."

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Moving on up



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Andria Klauk from Boggio and Edwards Ridgeway IDA recently passed her exam with the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada, expanding the scope of her practice in the field. Her colleagues at the pharmacy are very proud of this accomplishment.

Remembering a loved one



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Friends and family of Sally Kowalski gather on a bench that has been dedicated in her name, in front of the Royal Bank on Jarvis Street. Kowalski was a long-time employee of the bank and volunteered many of her years to the local community, before she passed away last year.

Drug charges laid

A Fort Erie man is in custody after Niagara Regional Police executed a search warrant and found cash and a substance suspected to be cocaine.

Police searched a Fort Erie home on Friday and arrested 59-year-old Kevin Willick. He is facing charges of possession of a controlled substance for the

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Anniversaries

 Come join us in celebrating
JOE & DOLORES PURPURA's
50 Anniversary Open House
 Optimist Club, 1555 Gilmore Rd.
 Saturday, April 28th, 1pm - 4pm
 Best wishes only.

In memoriam

Ben Kosiba
 In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, who passed away April 22, 2011.

Your smile has gone forever, and your hand we cannot touch, We have so many memories of you, Dad/Dziedz, we love so much.
 Love Always,
 Cindy, Brian, Ewa Rae & Hunter Adam, Stacey, Owen & Gwyneth

Ben Kosiba
 In loving memory of a dear husband, who passed away April 22, 2011.
 As angels keep their watch up there, Please, God, let him know, That I down here, do not forget, I loved him and miss him so.
 Love Always, Patty Rae

DOUG REAMAN
 In loving memory of a dear Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather who passed away April 24, 2005.
 You are always on our minds
 No matter what we do,
 At the time within our hearts
 Are precious thoughts of you.
 Lovingly remembered by
 Judy, Ron, Aleisha, Mark, Ty and Carter.

In memoriam

HAGGERTY - Raymond, in loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away April 23rd, 2011.
 This day is remembered and quietly kept, No words are needed, we shall never forget, For those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day.
 You do so many things for us, Your heart was kind and true, When we needed someone, We could always count on YOU.
 You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, You are always at our side.
 Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.
 - Love always; Wife Marie, children Dennis, Tim, Laurie & Craig and 5 Grandsons who were the apple of his eyes.
 "I'll meet again"


 In loving memory of
Mary Everett
 April 16, 2011
 A million times I've needed you
 A million times I've cried,
 If love could have saved you
 You never would have died.
 Things we feel most deeply
 Are the hardest things to say,
 My dearest Mom, I loved you,
 In a very special way.
 If I could have one lifetime wish
 One dream that could come true,
 I'd pray to God with all my heart
 For yesterday and you.
 In our hearts forever,
 Sherleen, Lynn and Sharon and families.

*His weary hours and days of pain,
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In memoriam



Larry Klauk

In loving memory of our dear son and brother who left us on April 19, 2008

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To sit and chat with him awhile. Each time we look at your picture Larry, You seem to smile and say, Don't cry I'm only sleeping.

We'll all be together again some day. Lovingly remembered today, tomorrow and always. Your Mom and Dad and Family.

Ray Schneider

In loving memory of a dear Husband, Dad, Papa and Grandpa. As time goes by without you and the days turn into years, they hold a million memories and a thousand silent tears.

Loving you always, Marlene, Kim and Mike, Bob and Georgia and Grandchildren

Deaths

WEIR, Thomas - Tom Weir passed away suddenly at his home on April 18th, 2012 at the age of 57. Loving husband of Julie. Cherished son of Thomas Sr. and the late Catherine. Sadly missed by his brother Stewart (Kathy) Ward, his niece Sarah, the members of the Buyers family and his many friends. Tom was well known in the horse racing community having worked as a Veterinarian Clerk for many years in Fort Erie and previously at Woodbine. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Banner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 1-3 pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Monday morning at 11:30. Cremation will follow. If so desired, donations may be made to Vicki's efforts in support of famine relief. Information available through the funeral home.

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Deaths

SKERRETT, Mary Emery née Bigelow - of Eden Mills, died suddenly Sunday, April 15th, 2012. Beloved wife of Brian, loving mother to P. Brian Skerrett of Guelph, and Kevin Skerrett and Simone Powell of Ottawa, especially loved Grandson to Alexander Skerrett, and special aunt to Seadine Ledger née Bigelow (Dave Ledger). A feminist and an activist, Mary committed herself to a number of struggles for social justice, both local and international. Most recently, she initiated several projects in support of building stronger links between the community and the local labour movement. Mary held a deep respect for animals, particularly horses, cats and dogs, from whom she learned many profound life lessons. She greatly valued her Nova Scotian heritage, and enjoyed many summers at "the Camp", a log cabin on the Bay of Fundy. Mary's lifelong passion for music in many styles was reflected in her involvement in several community choirs, her mastery of ragtime piano, and an intense appreciation of many popular, Broadway, and classical recordings. Accomplished and experimental in the kitchen, Mary's approach to cooking was simple, so much like her life, simple, creative, and generous. The tireless energy and humour she brought to those around her will be greatly missed. Mary will be remembered by family and all friends on Saturday, April 28th from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm at a "celebration of her life", at the OAC Centre, Arcturion Centre, University of Guelph, College Ave East, Guelph. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Guelph's Welcome In Drop In Centre (dropin.ca/support) or the Canada Haiti Action Network (canadahaiti.ca/action).

STONE, Carrie Elaine (Ward) - A very special, beautiful and gentle person passed away after a very long, courageous battle with Cancer. Carrie Elaine, in her 71st year passed on comfortably and peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on April 14th, 2012 with her immediate family alongside her. Known as Elaine, her journey battling through cancer is a testament to her strength, courage and value in life. Predeceased by her first husband Albert John Pace, parents, Herbert Ward, Sarah Ward (Lane) and stepmom Leslie Ward, brother Nelson Ward and sister Marilyn Mooney. Elaine is survived by her wonderful and beautiful daughter Wendy Thompson, son-in-law Trent and her pride in life, her grandchildren. Her first grandson Ryan and his wife Erin of Kingston, her beautiful granddaughter Lisa (Vespi) and her husband Adam of Hamilton, her cherished grandsons Jordan and Mitchell both of Ottawa, Kristen and her great grandchildren Libby Thompson and Joshua Vespi. She will be missed by many relatives and friends, she will also be missed by her friends at Cumberland Lodge who shared fond memories with her during her last chapter of life. Elaine was always helping and supporting others, no matter their walk of life. She was kind, gentle and understanding of everyone's needs. Elaine always held all of her friends and life in the highest esteem. We will all miss her smile, her sense of humour, and her positive outlook on life. Heaven has a new angel who will be watching over us. Mary thanks to the 5th floor NIW wing nurses and palliative care team at Ottawa General for their special care during her stay there and allowing her to pass on with dignity and comfort. Thanks to all the staff at Cumberland Lodge for their care and kindness who made her stay there feel like home. In lieu of flowers please consider a tribute donation to Colon Cancer Canada in Elaine's memory (Colon Cancer Canada-How You Can Help Make a Tribute Donation). A funeral service was held with immediate family only.

Deaths



JOHNSTON, Sherry Lynne (Passero) - It is with broken hearts that the family of Sherry Johnston announce her passing on April 13th, 2012 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital. Devoted wife, best friend and soul mate of Tim for over thirty years. Proud and caring mother to Joshua, Judy, Jesse and Tiffany. Loving sister to David (Ingrid) Passero, Rick (Luanita) Passero and Bonnie (Rick) Liles. Dear sister-in-law of Bob (Sharon) and Terry (Becky) Johnston, Jim (Gloria) Prentice, MaryLou (Murray) McGrigor and Joe Penningme. Adored niece of Robert Passero, Lorene Mabey and Jacques Seburn. Sherry leaves behind many adoring nieces and nephews, Stephen, Brian, Amanda and Nicole Passero, Kris and Judy Penningme, Kyle, Kory, Holly, Ashley and Matthew Johnston, Jimmy and Richard Prentice, Skip and Danny McGrigor and Tammy Brooks as well as many cousins, great aunts and uncles. She was especially loved by her Auntie Hilda and Auntie Marge, and her cousins Kathy, DiAnne and Peggy-Anne whom she was very close with. Sherry will be missed by her most cherished friends, Maria and Tom, Rob and Helen, Neil and Cheri, Wendy and Trent, Ray and Maria, Tom and Dobi as well as friends at The Bistro. Her neighbours Dorray and Anna Blair as well as Mary and Clay Hesser will miss her dearly as she was not just their friend but over the years came to be part of their family. Sherry's children's friends also hold a special place in their hearts for her, especially Alex who was more like a part of the family and guided us all with his clear eyes and full heart. Sherry will be missed by the brokerage community she worked with over the years but especially Jacquie Napper and Melissa Saleve as well as her other friends at Lynden Canada. Sherry's greatest joy in life was the day she married her husband Tim and her happiness came with raising their four children. Together they shared an amazing life with family and friends. Sherry always felt she had been truly blessed many times over and would not have changed anything nor did she have any regrets. Sherry was first diagnosed with breast cancer in September of 2008 at which time she gave the fight of her life to be cured and returned to work at Lynden a year later. This past September Sherry was told her cancer had returned to her lungs and in November spread to her brain. She was terminal but continued to live out her time with quality and the best health possible so that she could enjoy her remaining time with family and friends making memories. She died exactly that with grace, dignity and lots of smiles. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Banner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends and family visited from 1-3 & 6-9 on Monday April 16th. Funeral Services were conducted in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, contributions to the Pretty in Pink Golf Tournament held at Bridgewater Golf Course to benefit the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family. More information is available at the Funeral Home or www.bennerfuneralservices.com

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Natayla Kornishina serves up some appetizers to Carlos and Lida Osorio at last Saturday's Adult Literacy Council gala, held at the Leisurplex banquet hall.

Fresh faces



On Thursday night, the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce announced its new board of directors at its annual general meeting, held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. The new board consists of Scott Baughn, Scott Caldwell, (Treasurer), Scott Veirist, Garry Brisson, Patrick Baichoo, Neil Thornton. (Front row, left to right): Courtney Bonito, Richard Belfuss, Rebecca Nigh, Patti Mills-Roy (Secretary), Dean Demizio (President), and Marina Butler (Vice President). Absent from the photo is Stephen Passero (Past President), and Denise Faraday.

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